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Barnet Walker gives Pat Pruitt some pointers on how to type up basketball scores while Rebecca Cisek proofs copy for this issue of the Examiner.

Avila Theatre Talents Recognized In Regional Competition

by Rebecca J. Cisek

When Carol Kopp found out that she had been nominated by critics Durham and Hyde of the American College Theatre Association to compete for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship, she was more than surprised; she was astounded. And for good reason, too, as in past auditions Carol had been told that she could sing well but could not act. Being a music major and desiring a part in a musical, Carol decided to take an acting class which was required anyway. One of the requirements of the class was to audition for a play--in this instance, "Arms and the Man"--and Carol got the female lead of Raina.

"I know a lot of people thought I couldn't do it," says Carol of her ability. Yet, her own determination and the faith of Performing and Visual Arts Chairperson Dr. William Louis won her the opportunity of competing for the Irene Ryan Scholarship on January 22 in Springfield. Irene Ryan was noted for playing the part of Granny Clampett on the television series, "The Beverly Hillbillies." Although Carol participated only in the first round, the honor of being there was great as the winner would compete nationally in Washington, D.C., and would have a chance for receiving a \$2500 acting scholarship.

From Springfield, Carol brought back with her the experience of competing against 100 very good actors and also the privilege of placing this competition on her resume. Above all, Carol Kopp has a renewed sense of confidence in herself. "If you believe you can do something, you can," she states.

Some of Carol's competition in Springfield

came from Avila College itself. Andre Montgomery also journeyed to Springfield for a chance at the scholarship on the basis of his portrayal of Sergius from the same play, "Arms and the Man". Andre was selected by the Avila theatre department to compete for the second year in a row. This year Andre, for the first time, made it to the second of the three rounds of competition and explains his achievement by saying: "This year I was more prepared."

Andre feels that attending Avila assisted him greatly in attaining such honors. While the theatre departments of some other universities do not allow freshmen and sophomores to participate in the plays, Andre, who is now a junior, had that opportunity available to him from the start. At Avila there is "room to do anything you want to do."

The final honor bestowed on Avila's theatre department this January was the award given to Jana Beal's original play, "Seeker." Of approximately twelve plays submitted in the ACTA Playwriting Contest, Jana's won third prize and a check for \$50. Jana wrote the book (script) and the words and melodies for her musical. The full length musical which includes fourteen songs was given the honor of a prepared public reading by the University of Omaha theatre department performing before a live audience in Springfield. Dr. Louis emphasized the importance of Jana's award by noting that this is the first time an Avila student has received recognition for playwriting.

Examiner Adds Student Staff

With this issue, the Avila Examiner welcomes its first team of student staff writers for the '85-'86 school year. During the first semester the paper had been going through a transition period, moving from the office of Student Life in Marian Centre to the Communication Division in O'Reilly Hall.

In conjunction with publishing the Examiner this semester, the Communication Division offered a practicum in Journalism for those wishing to be involved in the total operation from story development to lay-out design. So far, however, the majority of writers are students who are not enrolled in the practicum but who have shown interest in developing the Examiner into a publication that will be representative of student life and concerns on the Avila Campus.

As yet, the staff is small, and while the paper will attempt to cover as many stories as possible, it will be necessary for departments and individuals to also continue sending in newsworthy items. In addition, the staff asks that members of the campus community inform them of story possibilities that should be pursued.

Student writers are always welcome and can become involved by contacting either Rebecca Wenske or Ray Cummiskey in O'Reilly, room 110, ext. 291.

Rivised Publication Schedule Spring, 1986

Jan 21	Tues	Deadline for copy
Jan 29	Wed	Publication
Feb 4	Tues	Copy deadline
Feb 12	Wed	Publication
Feb 18	Tues	Copy deadline
Feb 26	Wed	Publication
Mar 4	Tues	Copy deadline
Mar 12	Wed	Publication
Mar 18	Tues	Copy deadline
Mar 26		Easter Break
Apr 2	Wed	Publication
Apr 8	Tues	Copy deadline
Apr 16	Wed	Publication
Apr 22	Tues	Copy deadline
Apr 30	Wed	Publication

Copy must be typewritten, double spaced on white paper and in by copy due date in order to be included in the next issue. Black and white photos may be submitted. Send copy to: Rebecca Wenske, Communication Studies, O'Reilly.

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You too can become a best-selling author. Let someone who has made it to the top show you how. Wilma Yeo, widely-published author and long-time teacher of creative writing, will be the instructor for Writing From Personal Experience, a six-week course sponsored by Avila College.

This class is designed to teach you how to write from your own experience with a definite goal in mind.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays, February 25 - April 1, from 10:00 a.m. - noon.

Money and Your Future

Avila College encourages women of all ages to take charge of present and future financial arrangements by attending Financial Planning For Women. This three week course will meet every Thursday, February 27-March 13, from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

The series of classes is designed to demonstrate how to achieve present and future financial security. Presentation and group discussion to meet individual needs is the format.

Say "AMEN"

Enhance your understanding of Mark's Gospel and how it pertains to your life by attending Praying With Scripture: A New Way of Growth, sponsored by Avila College.

Sr. Patricia Gillespie will share this invitation to discipleship through hearing "The Word" and allowing it to speak to your personal experiences in the context of prayer. Classes will take place on Wednesdays, Feb. 19 - Mar. 19, from 10:15 - 11:45 am.

Adolescents and Study Skills

Study Skills--Grades 6 thru 12 is a four-week course offered by Avila College which will investigate the teaching of study skills for secondary teachers.

The classes will be held on Saturdays, February 15 - March 15 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

For more information on the above four courses, contact Department of Continuing Education, 942-8400, ext. 280.

The Italian Legacy

The Italians have given us such treasures as Michelangelo, the Sistine Chapel, and the Italian language. **Avila College** is offering a course in Beginning Italian and a course in Intermediate Italian. Both classes will be arranged with the instructor. For more information, contact Sr. Olive Louise at 942-8400, ext. 330.

Discount Offer on Class Rings

Order your class rings Feb. 17, 2 to 8 p.m. and Feb. 18, 11 to 4 p.m. at the Avila College Bookstore. A \$10 discount will be given on these two days only. Rings can be ordered at any time of the year but will be discounted only on Feb. 17 and 18.

S.U.B. Soups Up Spring Semester

Student Union Board is presenting "Sparkle" as a part of its Friday Film Series on February 14, 1986 at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

On February 19, the Day Break Series is hosting Ron Roberts and his jazz band at noon until 1:00 p.m. in the Snack Bar. Enjoy entertainment with your lunch.

The weekend to spend on campus is February 21-22. SUB presents a weekend full of excitement. Friday night is a triple film feature on "growing up." At 6:00 p.m. is the "Big Chill"; 8:00 - "The Breakfast Club"; and 10:00 - "St. Elmo's Fire." These movies will be shown in the lounge with refreshments available. Throughout the evening, the Barefoot Room, filled with video machines, will be open to the students. These games are free from 6:00 p.m. - midnight. Saturday afternoon, 11:00 - 1:00, is the Children's Special, open for kids fourteen and under. There will be refreshments, video games, and movies. After the basketball game or theatre production, there will be a video dance, 10 p.m. - midnight, in the lounge. This will feature current videos on a big screen for your dancing enjoyment.

All these events are free and open to the public. SUB is funded by the Student Activity Fee.

Video Weekend Sub Film Series



The Big Chill
6 p.m.

The Breakfast Club
8 p.m.

St. Elmo's Fire
10 p.m.

Friday, February 21
Marian Centre - Free



S.U.B. Film
Friday, February 14
7 & 9 p.m.
Marian Centre - Free

Special Lenten Services: "Reflections on the Way of The Cross"

(7:00 p.m. - Foyle Hall Chapel)
Monday, February 17
Wednesday, February 26
Monday, March 3
Monday, March 17
Wednesday, March 12 (A dramatic performance, "The Stations" will be held in Whitfield Center at 8:00 p.m.)

Avila Students "Reach" for Growth at Retreat

A weekend retreat for Avila students will be held February 22 and 23 at St. Augustine's Retreat Center in Kansas. Father Pete O'Sullivan will assist Sister Pat Gillespie, Campus Minister, and a team of students in facilitating the retreat.

Father Pete graduated from Avila, entered the seminary and was ordained three years ago. He now serves on the staff of Christ the King Church in Kansas and is also on the staff of Ward High School. Father is anxious to return to Avila in a new capacity, to meet students and to share his giftedness as he assists on our retreat, "Reaching".

The theme Reaching was chosen by students because they are faced with many decisions and are confronted with questions about self, others, and God as they reach for integration of all three in a meaningful life.

The time away from Avila, from study, from work, and pressures will provide space for reaching in...to discover more about self, reaching out...to use gifts in serving others, and reaching up...to find God in all life decisions. There will be time to reflect, share with other students, form new friendships, and relax. St. Augustine's has a lot of outdoor space for those who might enjoy jogging or a walk in the woods.

We will leave Avila at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and return to Avila by 1:00 p.m. Sunday. The fee for students is \$10.00. Registration information is available in areas across campus or in the Campus Ministry Center. All registrations must be completed by February 15. Please contact Sister Pat at Ext. 298 or stop by the center (722) for further information. COME JOIN US IN REACHING.

Merchants Profit From Lottery

by Lori Peterson

Everyday now, people are spending their dollar bills like pocket change buying the new Missouri state lottery tickets. At noon on January 20, while most Avila students were heading for the cafeteria, Jackpot '86 began in full swing, with parades, speeches and celebrations all over the state. This first game offers a 1 in 5 chance of winning either a free ticket, \$2, \$5, \$86, \$860, \$86,000 or an entry into the jackpot drawing to determine who will spin the lottery wheel and win between one thousand and one million dollars.

Tickets are available at various retailers, from large chain grocery stores to small family-owned and operated businesses such as PeeWee's Sandwich Shoppe in the Red Bridge Shopping Center. Lynn Kies, Co-owner of PeeWee's, when asked if hosting the lottery was worth the trouble (retailers only receive five cents for every ticket sold), replied that she definitely thinks it is, "not for the 5% profit, but just in the extra business and excitement it has generated. Our sales have really been up."

The \$1 a ticket is a little steep for most college students but that \$86,000 could easily take care of tuition. Will you play?

Pastoral Letter Seeks Women's Views

The Catholic bishops of the country have undertaken the writing of a pastoral letter in response to women's concerns. As a part of the consultative process involved in this pastoral, each bishop has been asked to provide opportunities in his diocese for women to voice their concerns about their role in the Church and in society. The women of Avila will have the opportunity to voice their concerns on the evening of February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Marian Centre Lounge. This session, sponsored by Campus Ministry, will be facilitated by a team of women from St. Elizabeth's Parish who have conducted similar listening sessions at other sites in the city. A letter expressing concerns voiced at this session will then be mailed to the United States Catholic Conference following the session. You are encouraged to come and share your concerns. For further information contact Sister Pat, Campus Minister at Ext. 298 or come to the center, room 722.

Attention BSN Class of 1986

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Examiner Editorial

"I believe that anyone can conquer fear by doing the things he fears to do, provided he keeps doing them until he gets a record of successful experiences behind him."

This statement by Eleanor Roosevelt would have seemed to have held true with regard to the United States's space program had it not been for the terrible tragedy that ended the lives of seven people in the shuttle Challenger on January 28, 1986. Now, once again, fear is a part of the scene Americans envision when they think of space. In spite of some of the greatest technology known to humankind, we all watched helplessly as a mission of hope turned into an eerie pillar of silent smoke against an equally silent blue sky.

In a larger sense, we all are on a spacecraft, positioned vicariously among the stars. Events, like that of the Challenger, remind us that in our strength we also exhibit vulnerability, in our opportunities for greatness, we inevitably risk the possibilities of extinction. We strive for security and certainty, but the world continues to present us with fearful uncertainties.

Often we are tempted to retreat into the isolation of the familiar, to declare the unknown as enemy territory. Yet, we must

face these uncertainties and work through them lest our fears paralyze and imprison us. It is, however, exceedingly difficult to face the unknown as a single, isolated soul. In this spaceship earth we have to figure a way to get our "crew" working together, facing the unknown in tandem.

In his State of the Union Address, President Reagan, while trying to create unity among the American population, unfortunately succeeded in creating divisiveness between us and the greater population of the world by playing up the differences between "us" and "them". In doing so, he made it evident that perhaps the greatest unknown we all have to face is not in the vast reaches of outer space but within the small confines of our earth - in the dreams, the hopes, and the fears of each of us as we face ourselves and then, subsequently, as we face our neighbors.

Just as NASA continues to seek solutions to the puzzles in outer space, so we need to persevere in solving the puzzles of earth's inner space until we "get a record of successful experiences" behind us.

Ironically, the Nuclear Age makes us as vulnerable here on earth as we are in space.

Examiner Begins Series on Human Resource Center

by Pat Pruitt

If you have a problem--from finding a baby-sitter to getting additional help for a chemistry class--the Human Resource Center may have the answer for you.

Located on the lower level of Blasco Hall, the HRC has a wide variety of information available to part-time and full-time students and alumni. For a small fee, vocational testing is available and career information on both national and local levels is provided. A job board is posted with jobs available for students. Lists of baby-sitters, typists, and tutors and information on peer study groups are also available.

Weldon Gearhart, College Skills Coordinator, and Laura Manley, Coordinator of Career Planning and Personal Counselling, present workshops throughout the semester to help students improve their skills in many areas.

The Center is open from 8:30 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and evenings and weekends by appointment.

The following article is the first in a continuing series that will provide more information on the HRC.

Workshops Ease Stress of Writing

Are you tired of paying someone to type your papers? If so, the **Word Processing Workshop** is the solution to your problem. The workshop will be held on Feb. 18 and 25 from 2:15 to 4 p.m. in Room 105 in O'Reilly.

This workshop will provide instruction in Bank Street Writer, a word processing program for the Apple computer. Weldon Gearhart, who will teach the workshop, stressed that students do not have to be good typists to take the course. "Word processors have many features, such as instant corrections and editing capabilities, that simplify typing papers," and added that knowledge of word processors is also an asset for future employment.

Hooley-Bundschu Library has eight Apple computers and a printer that are available for student use.

A **Writing Skills Workshop** will be held on Feb. 26 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Barefoot Room at Marian Centre. The theme of the workshop is Writing As a Process and is the first in a series of writing workshops being offered this semester.

Weldon Gearhart will direct the workshop which will focus on short answer tests, brainstorming techniques, and written organization.

Laura Manley will teach a workshop featuring **Resume Writing** on Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Barefoot Room at Marian Centre.

If you are interested in any of these workshops, contact the HRC office in lower Blasco Hall.



Lady Avalanche Try for District Play

by Debbie Amos

The Lady Avalanche traveled to Bolivar, Missouri to face the Southwest Baptist Bearcats on Tuesday, February 4. With the final tick of the clock, Avila's Womens' basketball team was handed their eighth loss of the season, defeated 76-74.

After trailing 39-37 at half-time, the Avalanche found themselves down by as many as ten before fighting their way back to within four.

Freshmen Linda Frenshier and Cathy Brandt each scored 21 points while freshman Diane McLauri added 16 to the effort.

Turnovers, which have plagued the Lady Avalanche throughout the season, appeared to be the main downfall behind Avila's defeat. Avila committed 27 to the Bearcat's 21.

"If we could score for every turnover we'd be blowing most teams away," Cathy Brandt said. "But, instead, they're scoring on us."

With only four games remaining in the regular season, the Lady Avalanche find themselves in a must win situation.

"We must beat Rockhurst and/or Evangel to be in the running for District play," said Brandt. "We have to come together as a team and play like we were at the beginning of the season."

Remaining February Games

Wed	Feb 12	Park	Away	6:00
Sat	Feb 15	William Woods	Home	3:00
Wed	Feb 19	Rockhurst	Home	7:45
Sat	Feb 22	Evangel	Home	5:15

Avalanche Are Winners

by Barnet Walker

The Avalanche made its number twelve win Wednesday night, January 22 in Mabee Fieldhouse over Benedictine, using a scoring attack led by Kendrick Lewis' 19 points, Lance Williams' 18 and Barnet Walker's 14. With this victory, the Avalanche improved their record to 12-4.

On January 25 the Avalanche took their show on the road against Evangel in Springfield and were victorious, 85-70. All five starters scored in double figures; Lance Williams led with 19 points.

The team put their two game winning streak on the line Monday night against Southwest Baptist but were stopped 64-66. Barnet Walker scored 16 points, while Lance Williams scored 18 points.

The Avalanche bounced back from their loss Monday night against Baptist to upset Drury, the Number 1 team in the district, in overtime. There were three players with 18 points: Barnet Walker, Lance Williams and Mike Weather. Together, they led a balanced attack for the Avalanche. Score: 70-68.

In spite of their victory over Drury Jan. 19, the Avalanche came up short against Rockhurst in the February 1 game, 72-64. Barnet Walker led Avila with 15 points, while Lance Williams scored 14, and Kendrick Lewis 13.

In Fayette, Missouri Lance Williams made four crucial freethrows down the stretch holding Avila secure at an 83-75 victory over Central Methodist February 3 in a District 16 game. Center Barnet Walker led with 20 points; Mike Weathers had 16; Kendrick Lewis, 14, and Lance Williams, 12. Their record stands at 15-6.

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Avalanche Basketball Scores

Jan 22	Avila vs. Benedictine	Home	Jan 29	Avila vs. Drury	Home	70-68
Jan 25	Avila vs. Evangel	Away	Feb 1	Rockhurst	Away	64-72
Jan 27	Avila vs. S.W. Baptist	Home	Feb 3	Central Methodist	Away	83-75

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